

# NEW MARKET NEWS

July/August 2009

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**P&Z MEETINGS** — JULY 2  
& AUGUST 6 @ 7:00 P.M.

**HDC/ARC MEETINGS** —  
JULY 14 & AUGUST 11 @ 7:00  
P.M. \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE  
NEW TIME!!!

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
— JULY 8 & AUGUST 12 @  
7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF APPEALS HEAR-  
ING (CASE NM-B-09-02 —  
FINE ARTS EDUCATION @  
12 W. MAIN)** — JULY 9 @  
7:00 P.M.

**TOWN OFFICE CLOSED** —  
JULY 3

Have a Safe  
& Happy 4th



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I wanted to start this newsletter by thanking everyone who took the time to vote in May's election. We had approximately 65% turnout. That is awesome. You have spoken loud and clear. You have chosen to continue the direction we began eight years ago. It is exciting that we share a common vision. We will continue to move forward into history by continuing to bring in more businesses and more people to be our partners. We will continue to work on developing new programs with our schools and civic organizations. We will continue to work on public safety such as the crossing guard program. We will continue to expand our commercial tax base in order to keep your taxes low. We will see the LUYAA fields through to completion.

We will be working on developing new businesses, particularly food service establishments. The economy and tightening banking credit will present considerable challenges. We also need more than the 13 reserve taps. Nonetheless, Councilman David Price and I have been identifying some potential opportunities. We have the zoning in place, with a little luck and a lot of perseverance we will make something happen.

Councilmen Rossman and Price have also been reaching out to our schools, the NMVFD and other organizations to encourage greater participation in community events and developing new programs.

Last week we received from the Deputy County Attorney, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment to our Water Service Area Agreement. This week I have asked the Department of Utilities and Storm Water Management (DUSWM) Director, Mike Marschner to schedule this amendment for a BOCC work session. Our current agreement only allows the Town to use 140 of its original 500 taps until the McKinney WTP reaches 26 MGD. Subsequent to the original WSAA, the McKinney facility will never reach that capacity. Recognizing this reality and the need for our current residents to have a source of safe and reliable drinking water, DUSWM is recommending to the BOCC to release the ability to use the remaining 360 taps. This will serve the residents along Main St. and allow Royal Oaks and Brinkley Manor to complete their build out. This will provide DR Horton the tap they need to sell the Manor House to someone who is more experience and better suited to historic renovations.

The amendment also includes an additional 150 taps for economic development for our infill areas and current businesses. If we want a wine and cheese shop or a coffee shop, water and sewer taps will be required for these establishments. However, these taps will be predicated on the completion of the Bush Creek interceptor. This may be two years away. Nonetheless, as I stated above, Councilman Price and I and exploring some creative opportunities to deal with this.

The Town and DUSWM are aware of all your concerns about the water line project. It has taken longer than we expected. Everything will come together. The water line com-

pletion and the water amendment are on concurrent paths. Your patience is appreciated. I would like to thank Deb in the office for her hard work addressing these issues.

On June the 10<sup>th</sup> the Town passed its FY 2010 budget. Although Income Tax and SHA revenues will fall another \$35k this year, we were still able to pass a budget with a 50k reserve. This is almost wholly attributable to the anticipated 102k amusement tax revenue from Adventure Park. If the Town had not begun a policy of expanding and diversifying its tax base eight years ago, we would be in serious financial trouble today. The point is that no one can predict with 100% certainty what financial crisis may lie ahead, but we know they will arise. We must always be looking for opportunities to secure future and our viability.

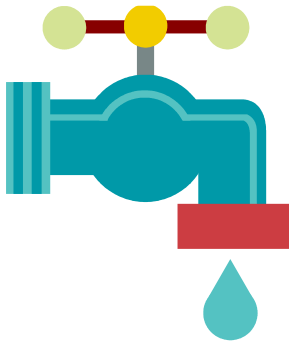
The Town funded three crossing guard locations in order that our children can get to school safely. Those locations are Main St. at NMES, Brinkley Manor at a location to be determined (SHA prefers E. Wainscot Dr. and Old New Market Rd.) and Wicomico Dr. at Royal Oaks Dr.

The budget also anticipates a 12k savings in waste collection. This is attributable to all of you recycling more. We need to thank DUSWM for their single stream recycling effort. They have provided the means to do better. Our average landfill bill was \$2,600 before the program. Over the last eight months since the program began it has averaged \$1,663. I would like to challenge all of us to see how low it can go. I will ask the girls to post the three month average in each newsletter. If you like, kindly email us with a goal to reach and a reasonable reward (i.e. a certificate of appreciation to all of you or something more creative) the Town can offer if we make it.

The Town is also working on some potential Demo by Neglect properties. This is an enforcement tool we have never had. It is our desire to keep these properties properly maintained in order to preserve to town's historic character as well as public safety.

Lastly, on June 4<sup>th</sup> I attended the NMES Rededication. The Gaver Tree Farm donated a Blue Spruce for the event. The Gaver's attended NMES in the late 1960's, their parents in the early 1930's and their children in the early 1990's. My children, likewise, are the third generation of their family to attend NMES in the current building. Councilman Price also attended NMES. As you can see there is a strong bond between many of us, including all of you, and NMES. We will continue to strengthen that bond.

Thanks,  
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## IMPORTANT WATER LINE INFORMATION

The construction is winding down on the Main Street water line. An email recently went out detailing the steps for those along Main Street/Wicomico Court to hook up to the new water line. For those of you who do not have email or did not receive that transmittal the steps are outlined below. For those of you inquiring

about the sidewalks and road repaving — The sidewalks will be repaired using the same materials that they were before (brick, concrete). In some cases the bricks had to be cut so new bricks are being ordered. They are replacing the sidewalks as soon as possible. Main Street will be repaved at the completion of the water line sometime later this summer.

1. Obtain the proper Water and Sewerage Plan Classification for the water service connection (§III.A). Note: Town of New Market and the property owner will initiate changes to the classification to W-4 or lower. In order to be considered with the next group of reclassifications you must file a request with the Town (form enclosed) no later than November 7, 2008. *[NOTE: The next deadline to send in a Water Plan Classification application is – July 1, 2009].* Questions may be addressed to the Town office at (301) 865.5544. Their office hours are 8am — 2:30pm (Monday to Thursday) and 10am — 2:30pm (Friday). Note: If your property is documented by the Health Department to be required to connect to public water due to health concerns, the Town staff will initiate the application on behalf of the property owner. *[If you have been notified by the Health Department that you are required to hook up to public water, please contact town office at 301.865.5544]* Connection to the system, however, may occur prior to formal approval of the reclassification request.
2. A formal allocation of a water tap from the Town of New Market. *[If you sent in an application during the November submission, then steps 1 & 2 are now complete. If you have not yet sent in an application and would like to do so, the next two deadline dates are July 1, 2009 and November 2, 2009.]*
3. Approval of a water tap by the Board of County Commissioners. Connection (BoCC) to the public system cannot take place until the BoCC has approved the reclassification and water tap. *This step was listed in the letter as step 1, but actually occurs after step 1 & 2 are completed. The November applications are still waiting on approval. Due to the county water system unable to reach a required threshold specified in the original Water Service Area Agreement, an amendment is necessary. This is currently being reviewed by the town attorney. The county will notify the town as soon as the approval by the BoCC has been granted.*
4. Payment of capacity fee must be made before issuance of a building or plumbing permit (§XI.1IB). The capacity fees are paid at *Utilities and Solid Waste Management Division of Frederick County, 4520 Metropolitan Court, Frederick, Maryland.* Make check(s) payable to the *Treasurer of Frederick County.* Capacity fees are currently \$4,500 per water tap plus the cost of the water meter. *[NOTE: These fees are subject to change. Please contact Brenda Teach at [bteach@fredco-md.net](mailto:bteach@fredco-md.net) or 301.600.1130 to confirm the current capacity fees].* Paragraph 8 of the April 29, 2003 Water Service Area Agreement (WSAA) allows "owners of existing structures within the municipal boundaries of the Town that connect to the County's water system prior to the end of year 6 (by 11/11/10), shall have the option to pay the capacity fee due to the County over a ten (10) year period, with interest, payable in full upon transfer of the property, provided the property owners execute the necessary documents with the County which are to be recorded among the Land Records." The cost of the water meter is not eligible for the 10-year plan and must be paid in full prior to the issuance of the permit to connect to the system. If you are interested in pursuing this 10-year arrangement, please contact Brenda Teach at 301.600.1130.
5. Property owners will pay the prevailing residential meter and drop in fee (currently \$240 for 3/4", \$255 for 1") to the County as part of the permit process when the property is connected to the water system. For non-residential properties, meter size will be determined by water demand per AWWA M22. *[This item is not eligible for inclusion in the 10-year extended payment plan and must be paid to Department of Utilities before a plumbing permit can be issued.]*
6. Application for the appropriate permit is made at *Permits and Inspection*, 30 North Market Street, Frederick. *Business hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please note that permit application must be made prior to 3:30 p.m. When you pay your capacity fees to DUSWM they will give you a permit number. You will need to give this number to your plumber before he applies for the utility permit at Permits & Inspections (P&I).*
  - a. **How to Apply:** Applications for plumbing permits are taken at P&I. The applicant for a plumbing permit must be a licensed plumber. Only licensed master plumbers may install water or sewer lines from the main line to the structure.
  - b. Permits & Inspections will review the permit application and plans for compliance with the Frederick County Plumbing Code.
  - c. **Processing Time:** Plumbing permits are usually issued within a time frame of one to two days from the day the application is made and the fee is paid. Applications are required to be in P&I before the plumbing work is started.
  - d. **Permit Fees:** \$164.00 until June 30, 2009; \$170.00 starting July 1, 2009.
7. Per paragraph 7 of the WSAA — "No buildings shall connect to the public water system until all existing private wells have been disconnected from the building plumbing. There will be no exceptions to this requirement." Please contact the Health Department at 301.600.1726 regarding the procedures and requirements for the disconnection and abandonment of the private well. *[According to the Health Department, wells can be abandoned and sealed by either a licensed well driller or by the property owner under the supervision of the local Health Department. Licensed well drillers have the equipment and the training to abandon water wells. They are also required to submit an abandonment report to the Health Department after the well has been abandoned.]*

The property owner and or his agent (contractor, plumber) can abandon and seal water wells under the supervision of the local Health Department. A minimum of 24 hours of advanced notice is required by the Health Department to schedule the appointment.

You may also have the option of keeping your well for yard purposes and hooking it up to a hose bib. For that option you will need to write a letter to David Gatrell at the Health Department for a special exception. For more information on this option, please contact the Health Department at 301.600.1726]

## ASK THE VET

Dr. Suma M. Rao, Diplomate ABVP  
Board Certified in Canine & Feline Practice  
Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic — Mt. Airy, MD — 301.829.1229  
[www.helpinghandsvetclinic.com](http://www.helpinghandsvetclinic.com)



### Q: WHY SHOULD I SPAY OR NEUTER MY DOG?

**A:** Females that are not spayed have a very high chance of developing breast cancer when they are older. If females are spayed before their first heat cycle, there is less than 1% chance that they will develop breast cancer. After 2 ½ years old, spaying has no protective effect for developing cancer. So, it is best to spay them before puberty or at least by 2 years old. Pyometra (infected uterus) can occur in unspayed dogs following their heat cycle. The hormone fluctuations that occur during the heat cycle cause the uterus to become infected and full of pus. This can potentially be a fatal condition. Treatment is an emergency spay surgery. Lastly, spaying eliminates unwanted pregnancies and puppies.

Males that are not neutered can develop hormone related behavioral problems like urine marking in the house, aggression toward other dogs, territorial aggression, and roaming. They can also develop medical problems like chronic bacterial prostatitis (inflammation), prostate hyperplasia (enlargement), testicular cancer, and perianal tumors. It is best to neuter them by 6 months old to avoid these problems.

*If you have a question for the vet please send them to Helping Hands Veterinary Clinic, 13653 Unionville Road, Mt. Airy, Md 21771. We'll try to answer them in this publication as space allows.*

### P&Z Needs You!!



If you are looking for a way to be more involved in your community and would like to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee, please send in a letter and/ or resume to Mayor Burhans, PO Box 27, New Market MD 21774, by July 6. The Planning and Zoning Committee meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. If you would like more information please call Deb or Karen at 301.865.5544.



## New Store on 7th Alley!!

Stop by and visit *Fleurish*, a new shop located on 7<sup>th</sup> Alley behind 22 West Main Street, featuring garden accents and accessories. Whether you are looking for something for your own garden or a gift for another gardener in your life, they have many beautiful and unique items to choose from, including, herb and flower seed kits, containers, outdoor statuary, unique plant stakes, bird houses and feeders and children's garden gear. *Fleurish* is adding new things every week so stop by and check out their latest finds. *Fleurish* is open Thursday through Sunday, 11:00 — 5:00.



# Ruffled Feathers To Open Early July

Ruffled Feathers is one of a few new shops opening in New Market. Ruffled Feathers brings its own whimsical style and casual elegance to Main Street!! Scheduled for opening in early July, this shop is certain to become more than a weekend attraction. Hours of operation are evolving over the next two months - but for now Ruffled Feathers is open: Tuesday thru Saturday 10 - 5:30 and Sundays by chance. In early September the store will add a late night during the week and special events will occur throughout the year. Sunday hours will be added in the future.

Located next to the well-known and loved General Store, Ruffled Feathers offers a variety of vintage furnishings and unique treasures for you and your home. Shop owner, Melinda Thigpen, says personalized service is first and foremost in her shop's philosophy while providing a place for inspiration and "respite" from your hectic lifestyle. Complementary gift wrapping is provided so you & your friends will always feel extra "special". Don't know how to get the look you want and don't want to pay high priced interior designers? Go talk to Melinda about her decorating and accessorizing services - items purchased through this process from Ruffled Feathers are discounted.

Tranquil music plays as you shop from room to room exploring the sights and scents of neutral palettes, dashes of trendy color, cottage florals, architectural elements, and other features found in the pages of your favorite romantic and cottage style magazines. Try out the fragrance lines for bath and body as well as the magical aromas of candles. There's lots of



whimsical "gal pal" gifts for your BFF and those who need a little thank you or hostess gift.

Merchandise is hand selected from auctions, flea markets, and other vintage resources. Gift lines are chosen for practicality and affordability many from boutique inspired artists and home based industries - mostly female owned and operated. As a result, Ruffled Feathers does not order mass quantities instead relying on a "unique to you" approach so that you and your neighbor's home can each depict your own sense of style without mimicking each other. That means, it isn't one of those places that you can "think about it and expect it to be there when you come back a month later." Seldom are exact items reordered, so you definitely want to visit

this shop often, as you never know what you might miss! But don't fret - new merchandise arrives frequently allowing you another opportunity to acquire a perfect gift, accessory or furnishing. The shop takes on a new look and feel with each shipment so it's always fun to stop by.

While words like Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose are becoming the buzz in many of today's businesses, shops like Ruffled Feathers is already in vogue. The birds in nature gather assorted ingredients to create the perfect nest some reusing parts from another's nest while others prefer to design & collect new. Whether you prefer traditional style, cottage romance, or urban modern there is something for each of you at Ruffled Feathers. So stop by and meet Melinda and visit the ultimate place for collecting and creating your own well feathered nest!

## Main Street Yard Sale

On Friday June 12 and Saturday June 13 New Market held it's first "Main Street Yard Sale." Stores, residents and neighbors put up a yard sale table on Main Street. Participation on Friday was low — mainly due to waterline construction on Main Street. The Frederick News Post came by, wrote a story for Saturdays newspaper and helped bring out customers and property owners alike. It was great to see tables set up along the street, cars driving slowly and pulling over to stop and shop. There were 2 folks who were not from New Market who took the opportunity to set up a table. I would like

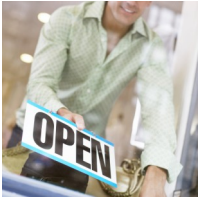


to thank the Rossigs, the Higgs, the Racines, Maryland Treasures, Barefoot Boutique, Jackie Cutler, Judy Seymour, and Noah Price for setting up tables to sell. These are the folks I saw that day so thanks to everyone else as

well. Everyone who participated sold off unwanted items and were able to walk around and visit as well. A special thanks needs to go to our town clerks Deb and Karen, Councilwoman Rita Mueller, and Milton Hart. They set up Town Hall as a book store and sold more than \$200 worth of

books. The money will be donated to the New Market Day Festival.

Put Saturday September 26th on your calendar for the next Main Street Yard Sale. Anyone wanting to set up a table to join in the fun will be asked to pay \$7.50 to pay for the ad. Anything brought in over that amount will once again be donated to the New Market Day Festival. Please tell your friends, neighbors, etc. so we can have 50 tables set up all the way down Main Street. If you don't live in New Market we will find a spot for you in front of someone's house or property. Please contact me - Councilman David Price at 301-865-1212 or at [gallery@12westmain.com](mailto:gallery@12westmain.com) to reserve a spot. Organizations are welcome to set up a table as well.



## Open for Business

If you or anyone you know is thinking of opening a business in downtown New Market please contact me - Councilman David Price at [gallery@12westmain.com](mailto:gallery@12westmain.com). I have a list of properties that are available for sale and rent. I have also contacted the Frederick County Health Department regarding opening food establishments in town, am familiar with the new zoning regulations and can provide insight into the future economic prospects of the town. I am available to assist anyone who wants to navigate the newly improved and streamlined bureaucratic process. Downtown New Market is getting back to business.

## Green Building and Living from Seawright Homes of *The Orchard*

This column will be a potpourri of many items relating to Green Living as there currently are two "green" educational opportunities in Frederick County scheduled for presentation this summer and fall and there have been a number of bills introduced in Congress having to do with energy policy and climate change that are being hotly debated and closely followed. Plus, there is a notable new Environmental Protection Agency initiative, "Water Sense", pertaining to water conservation that potentially is as significant for resource conservation and how we live as is energy conservation.

If you have recognized that living "green" offers many benefits but you want to learn more, mark your calendar for the following two educational opportunities:

**Event:** "Go Green Energy Conference"  
**Sponsor:** Congressman Roscoe Bartlett  
**Date:** June 29, 2009  
**Time:** 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.  
**Place:** Frederick County Fairgrounds

**Event:** "Choose Green EXPO"  
**Sponsor:** Frederick County Builders Association  
**Dates:** October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**Time:** 10AM-4PM, Sat. and 11AM -3PM, Sun.  
**Place:** Frederick County Community College

Notable for the "Choose Green EXPO" is its mission statements, which is: "To serve as the venue for Mid-Maryland educational opportunities that showcase products and services that help people make informed choices that are environmentally responsible and promote a sustainable future."

On the national legislative front several bills that would control and limit CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are being hotly debated in Congress, with the leading contender already having been bombarded with well over 200 amendments, the intent of most being to limit or cripple such legislation to varying degrees. All of the leading bills have to do with controlling CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by a system of "Cap and Trade", with none seeking to limit CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by an Emissions Tax. In the view of this writer, the emphasis upon "Cap and Trade" as a regulatory approach is unfortunate since the most financially strong of the heaviest polluters simply will be able to purchase carbon credits from less polluting companies and continue on with the polluting practices that degrade air quality and promote climate change. However, the personal financial consequences of an Emissions Tax would affect each of us directly and would be certain to bring about more quick and lasting change with respect to individual choices that



can serve to either decrease or increase harmful pollutants in the air we breathe.

Involving a "carrot", rather than the regulatory "stick" approaches of either "cap and trade" or "emissions tax" legislation, is House Bill 2336, titled the "Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009". This bill, targeted more to green issues on a "neighborhood where we live" level enjoys strong backers and derives its support in part because it seeks to incentivize, rather than compel, environmentally sound individual choices related to how we live.

The EPA program that you will begin hearing more about, which is intended to do for water what ENERGY STAR does for energy efficiency, is called WaterSense. This latter program is born of understanding that population growth, combined with constant threats to water quality and the fact that only 4% of today's world water supply is drinkable, makes the longer term prospect for global water shortage far more threatening and of significantly greater import than an equivalent loss of fossil fuels. EPA's goal for WaterSense is to help Americans save water and money by offering simple ways to reduce water use through water-efficient product choices. For example, because water flows from a standard shower head at 2.5 gallons per minute, a 10 minute shower results in 25 gallons of water use. Shower heads meeting WaterSense standards pass 1.5-1.75 gallons per minute, without any perceptible difference in the quality of the shower, with the result being water savings of 30-40%. Similar results are achieved by changing out sink faucet aerators. And, if you ever need to replace a commode, do so with a "dual flush" unit that utilizes on average less than 1.26 gallons per flush, as compared to single flush units that require in excess of 1.6 gallons per flush. The term, "dual flush" has to do with the fact that the toilet flushing mechanism can be activated by one of two buttons, one calling upon much less water to dispose of liquid waste versus the second button which calls upon considerably more water to flush solid wastes, but the average water usage is 1.26 gallons per flush. That .34 gallons of water saved per flush and the savings associated with WaterSense shower heads and sink aerators translates over the course of a year into significant conservation of a resource that is much more important to survival than petroleum; and the savings in water bills more than pays for the additional cost associated with environmentally responsible product choices.

If all of the "green" talk sounds a little arcane, if not unbelievable, make plans to attend the "Go Green Energy Conference" on June 29<sup>th</sup> and the "Choose Green EXPO" on October 17-18<sup>th</sup>.

Any reader seeking clarification or additional information on any of the topics covered in this column or on any matter related to energy efficient construction should not hesitate to contact the writer at [steve.seawright@clarkus.com](mailto:steve.seawright@clarkus.com). Your Mom was right. "Greens are good for you."

## Mosquito Control 2009

For the past several years the town has participated in a mosquito control program through the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA). This year New Market has been scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying on Thursday nights. This is scheduled to begin the week of June 15, 2009 and run through September 8, 2009. The action threshold is 3 female mosquitoes in 2 minutes in a landing rate count or 24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap. This may influence the amount of spraying done for adult mosquitoes. Due to variable weather conditions and other factors, the MDA does not guarantee that surveillance or spraying will be done even if they receive notification from the town of a specific complaint.



An important part of the program is notification from the residents of any mosquito problem area. If you experience any mosquito problems, please call or email our office and report the specific problem areas. Please have the following information for each complaint: address, problem area, time of day when mosquitoes are the worst, any area of stagnant water in their vicinity. [NOTE: It is important to remove any standing water from your property (birdbath, kiddie pool, gutters, etc.) in order to alleviate breeding grounds.]

We will call in the complaints weekly before the scheduled surveillance day (Thursday). These reported areas will be checked first when MDA comes for their surveillance. If no complaints are called in from the community, MDA may not do surveillance or spraying in our area during that week.

If you have any questions about the schedule or want to report a problem area, please call the office at 301.865.5544. or email [debtownofnewmarket@gmail.com](mailto:debtownofnewmarket@gmail.com). Thank you for your help with this important program.

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